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For the Transcript.

How they Obtained the Furloughs.

The Summer of 1862 has become indelibly impressed upon my memory in the bitterness of sorrow, which seldom falls to the lot of man in a life time. I was so unfortunate as to be taken prisoner by the half civilized Rebels, with about one hundred others belonging to the first Vermont Cavalry, who shared with me the same fate. Among these there were three young men belonging to Company "A," who will be the subjects of this communication.

The writer enlisted as a private in the same Company, and well remembers the first time he saw George Webber, afterwards known as "the gentleman from Nova Scotia." He had been a soldier in one of the Massachusetts three months regiments, had returned and was in Vermont on a visit to a sister who resided in Brandon, when his limited means reminded him that he should again be a soldier. When I enlisted he was in the room, and had the appearance of being a laboring man in one of the lower occupations of life. His clothing was seedy and very old, and especially do I remember the coat he wore, which was torn along the rear, from shoulder to waist. He was quite reserved and talked but little, and at the outset but little was expected from him further than to do the common drudging of the common soldier. But the old truth was soon again to be made apparent, that you cannot tell by the looks of a frog, how far he will jump.

After we had gone into camp on the Fair ground at Burlington, I soon became aware that Company "A" fared quite as well as either Company on account of the number of passes obtained. No pass was sufficient to allow a soldier outside of the camp, unless granted and signed by Col. Platt or Lieut.-Col. Kellogg. As a general thing these officers were not very free with their passes, and were no more so with Company "A" than with either of the other Companies—passes were not known to be laying around loose in camp. Still, our Company boys received theirs in large numbers, and the regiment was confirmed in the belief that Col. Platt was particularly partial to us on account of our Captain being his son; but this was all a mistake, there was no foundation for the belief. The boys knew how to obtain their passes and who from. All that was necessary for any one to do was to obtain verbal leave of absence from the company officers, and Webber could furnish the rest. He was a good, or poor penman according to his liking, and after having a genuine pass for a sum, he could furnish any quantity, just as good. No soldier to my knowledge ever took advantage of these passes to absent himself beyond the time allowed by his company officers, and no matter who was afterwards in command of the regiment, Webber's passes were always valid. I do not suppose that it is generally known outside of the Company to this day, how Co. "A" succeeded in obtaining passes so liberally, but one thing is certain, Webber never was called to an account by his superiors for an explanation of them. To be sure every one in the Company was not favored with "Webber's passes," he had his favorites and those in whom he placed confidence.

We had passed the summer of 1862 at Lynnhurgh and on Belle Island. The greater portion of us had succeeded in living to be paroled and reached Annapolis, Maryland, late in the following September. So many paroled prisoners had been gathered at Annapolis, that it was found to be necessary to distribute them, and later in the autumn the Vermont Cavalry prisoners among others, were forwarded to Alexandria. There, we were near the camp of our regiment, or what remained of them, and although the rules of parole camp were quite strict, our nearness to them furnished a good excuse for absence from our camp, much to the annoyance of the officers of the regiment. If hereafter it shall appear that some of the paroled prisoners were absent from parole camp a considerable length of time without leave, it is only reasonable to suppose they were at the camp of the regiment.

Every prisoner was anxious to obtain a furlough to reach home; this was the burden of their conversation from morning to night, yet it was utterly impossible for any one to obtain the first genuine furlough. I remember of going myself with the late Senator Foote with letters from Gov. Holbrook, Hon. William Clapp, and Hon. George F. Edmunds to obtain a furlough, but it could not be so done. Secretary Stanton, was very kind and obliging but orders were orders. Soon after, with many thanks, I obtained a furlough through Surgeon Gale of our regiment, which answered just as well.

I can hardly understand our condition as paroled prisoners. We were neither soldiers nor citizens, enemies nor friends, and the War Department would grant us no privileges at that time, further than to supply us with food and clothing, and order us to remain where we were. Our status it seemed was not satisfactorily understood by any one. It was very plain to be seen that if any one reached home before their exchange was announced, that it would be in a clandestine manner. Some of the boys did not wish to be absent without leave, others only sought the opportunity.

The writer chanced to be in charge of the Vermont Cavalry prisoners at Alexandria and Webber, (who had been my comrade during the round trip) came to me one morning and reported that Atchinson, Blinn, and himself had decided to be absent for a few weeks and if any inquiries were made for them, or if they were wanted, to look for them at the regiment. He said they were in the way to raise the wind, that they had been penniless long enough. None of us had received pay for our services for about eight months, and he had finally discovered an opening. Col. Sawyer had given Capt. Erhardt orders to furnish them with their descriptive lists, and as it subsequently appeared they did not remain with the regiment long afterwards.

It was not an easy task for the unit to cross Long Bridge, but as usual their papers were all that was to be required. Without a dime, the trio took lodgings at one of the first class hotels in Washington, where paper, blanks, red and black ink were brought into requisition. In the first place, they called on the Commissary of Subsistence for commutation of rations, while they were prisoners over the lines. Upon examination their papers were found to be correct, and the money was paid over. Next they presented their descriptive lists at the office of the Paymaster-General, for eight months' back pay. Here was a difficulty; their descriptive lists showed that they were yet prisoners of war and they could not receive their wages until their exchange should be effected. Thereupon they retired to their rooms, and during the night they found a General Order of exchange of all prisoners paroled two days previous to our release, and changed dates to correspond. These papers together with the published order were again presented the next day, to a subordinate Paymaster; everything was found to be correct and they received their wages. This was a decided success.

It will be remembered that the 6th Maine regiment was nearly annihilated a short time previous, at the battle of Antietam, and it had gone home to recruit at Portland. The three assumed to be soldiers belonging to that regiment who were prisoners in Rebeldom when the regiment was ordered home. They wore Infantry clothing which they, and the rest of us had received from Lieut. Jed. P. Clark, (now of Highgate) when we arrived at Annapolis, from Belle Island. Lieut Clark was acting Quartermaster at the time at Parole Camp. Atchinson was the sergeant in command, who had in his possession orders from Gen. Banks Commanding the Defences of Washington, transmitted through the office of Asst. Acting Adj. Gen. Drake De Kay to proceed to No. 79 White street, New York, where transportation would be furnished to Portland.

Sergeant Atchinson with Corp. Blinn and private Webber, appeared at the gate of the B. & O. Railroad Depot, and were abruptly stopped by the guard while passing. Webber immediately addressed Atchinson in his characteristic cool manner: "I say, Sergeant, how long are these things going to continue, are we to be stopped at every street corner by these fancy home guards? We have orders from Gen. Banks to proceed to Maine to join our regiment, what is the use of fooling with these fellows?" "All right," replied the guard, who excused himself by saying that he was only acting in the discharge of his duty. The guards at the depot passed them, and no further difficulty was experienced until they reached Baltimore. Here other guards and detectives boarded the train, when every man was required to give a satisfactory account of himself, and if a soldier, he must exhibit his papers. Everything was satisfactory and the trio passed on.

When they arrived at New York, they changed their minds and did not report at No. 79 White street for transportation to Maine, but with blanks in their possession produced three regular furloughs. These furloughs were duly transmitted back and forth, signed, sealed, and countersigned with red ink in true army style. Drake De Kay's name especially appeared upon each of them as large as life and quite as accurate. This name, though difficult to imitate the genuine, was handsomely executed by Webber with a rubber pen. They had reached Burlington honorably enough to themselves, considering the circumstances, and had enjoyed a lengthy and jolly time, when very unexpectedly Capt. Erhardt arrived in town. It is unnecessary to remark that they did not seek his acquaintance, and Webber, immediately had business in Massachusetts. The Captain despatched a messenger for Blinn, to call upon him at his private rooms, which message it was necessary to repeat two or three times before Blinn could see the point. Finally Blinn yielded, and succeeded in satisfying Erhardt, that it was all right, or should be made so.

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loughs, Atchinson and Blinn, called on Maj. Austine, who was then commanding in Burlington, to obtain transportation on their furloughs back to Washington. Maj. Austine examined their papers and being found correct an order of transportation by Maj. Austine endorsed thereon and in due time Atchinson and Blinn, were back in Washington. They returned over Long Bridge with one of our officers, who happened to be in Washington with a squad of men for an additional supply of horses. Webber, came on afterwards and found a pass in the Post Office with which to return over Long Bridge into Virginia. He arrived at the regiment only a day previous to the official announcement of his and our exchange by Maj. Collins commanding, and immediately went on duty.

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